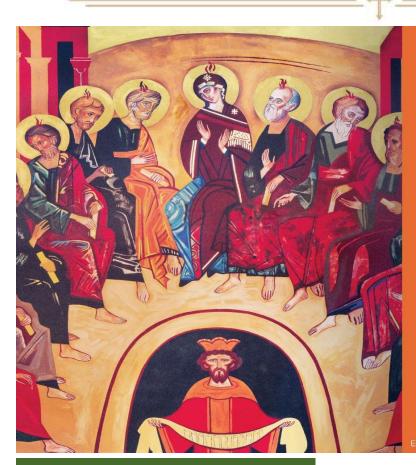


FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

THURSDAY

<mark>NO DAILY MASS (9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's LF)</mark> FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup 6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman 10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz **See inside cover for any changes for the upcoming week

MAY 19th, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30 p.m. St John Nepomuk Lastrup SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. St. Michael's Buckman <u>Confession Times:</u> *30 minutes before Pierz, Harding and Lastrup weekday Masses, 30 minutes after Buckman Mass, and by appt. *First Weekend of the Month: After 6 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross Harding and after 10 a.m. Mass at St Joseph's Pierz

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER AARON NETT



Dear Friends.

The Holy Spirit, the Life of God in the Soul

Happy Solemnity of Pentecost to you! Today is the conclusion of the Easter Season and also the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church. In a sense, today is our Mother's birthday!....our Mother Church. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word, pentecoste, meaning, fifty, because of the fifty days in between Jesus' resurrection and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations and forgive sins.

At the Pentecost Jesus breathed on the disciples the very breath of divine life in the Holy Spirit. They then went out and proclaimed and did the mighty works of God. God shares his very life, love and even breath with us, in order that we might give his divine life to others. Jesus says, "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." (Jn:15:16) The Holy Spirit is living, active and powerful in the life of the Church today. When we place our trust in God and turn to him often and for everything, he can do amazing things in us. St. Paul says, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit." (Gal. 5:25)

Notes:

*This weekend we celebrate the graduates of the class of 2024 at the Baccalaureate Masses in our ACC. Baccalaureate, from the Latin, baccalaureātus, actually means bachelor's degree, or a religious service for graduation. We give thanks to God for the blessing of these graduates and how God has worked in their young lives, bringing them now into a new chapter in their lives. As they may leave home and depart on a new journey, may they know that they always have a home here amongst their family of faith in the Church. However, they will also find home whenever they are with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist in nearest Catholic Church. We remember that the word Catholic means universal. The Catholic Church for each of us, no matter where we are, is always home.

*As our graduates leave home and move elsewhere, hopefully finding a Catholic community where they can attend Mass each week and seek Confession will be on the top of their list. Parents remember how important your daily prayers are for them and do not be afraid to check in with them about where they are attending Mass on the weekend.

*Please mark your calendars for an ACC Town Hall meeting on May 29th at 6:00pm at St. Michael's in Buckman. This meeting will include prayer, a presentation from staff and parishioners on different aspects of parish life, events, news, and a vision for the ACC. It will include an update on the St. Cloud Diocese parish planning process, and there will be time to ask questions and give input. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

MASSI	ES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21 st – MAY 27 th	NOTE: There will be no 7 a.m. Mass scheduled for Thursday, May 23 due to the Eucharist Revival Procession. There will be a 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in LFs. Everyone is encouraged to come for the procession if possible.
Tuesday, May 217:00 p.m. LastrupWednesday, May 228:00 a.m. Harding	+Helen Ross +John & Romelle Kurtz	
7-8 p.m. Buckman <u>Thursday, May 23</u> Buckman	Eucharistic Adoration NO MASS (9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Little Falls)	* <i>Emergency Contact:</i> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.
10:00 a.m. Villa 7:00 p.m. Pierz <u>Friday, May 24</u> – H7 8:30 a.m. Pierz 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz <u>Saturday, May 25</u>	+Joe Woitalla Holy Trinity 6 th Graders <i>(6th Grade Graduation)</i> <i>School Mass (Staff/Students)</i> +Floyd Mathiowetz Eucharistic Adoration	*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is Mondays at 3 p.m. You can email <u>stjoes@midco.net</u> , mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.
4:00 p.m. Lastrup 6:00 p.m. Harding <u>Sunday, May 26</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman	+Harold & Romell Welle For the People of the Parishes +Roger "Hulio" Hoheisel	*If you are seeking information on baptism, marriage, or RCIA preparation or would like to sign up as a new member of the parish, please call 320-468-6033
10:00 a.m. Pierz <u>Monday, May 27</u> – <i>N</i> 10:00 a.m. Pierz	All veterans and those presently serving in the military	Pierz & Buckman Office Hours: Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays closed.
	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION .m., Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2 nd Wed. of m. – 8 p.m. Harding – Adoration chapel always open	Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720

May God bless you, Father Aaron

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, MAY 25 at 4:00 p.m.

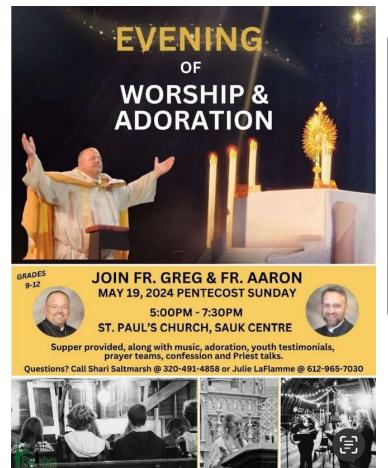
Lector: Dale Beierman Server: Zach Gall Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker E. Minister (Choir): Barb Specker

BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Please come and join us for a fun evening. The jackpot numbers will be posted online and at the Fisch House and also on their Facebook page. St. John's gaming #02115.

MEAT RAFFLE: We now have a meat raffle at the Fisch House every Sunday at 5:00 PM. Please join us for some fun and try and win some meat. St. John's Gaming #02115.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Nominations will be taken May 18th, elections will be held next week, May 25th.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP: *Saturday, May 11th: Adult env \$900.00.00, Adult loose \$124.00, Children env \$1.00, Children loose \$21.00. *Mass attendance:* 152



HOLY CROSS CHURCH 29482 243rd Street Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-360-9720 E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, MAY 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Tim Schubert Servers: Erin Thesing & Tyler Thesing Ushers: Dave Skwira & Gary Matlock E. Minister (Choir): Leonard Thesing Rosary: Ted Boser

<u>ELECTION RESULTS:</u> Doug Knopik and Gary Matlock won the election for parish council. Congratulations, and thanks to Elder Carmona, Will Corbett and Lynn Dukowitz for accepting to run on the ballot.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 11th: Adult env. \$1,407.00, Adult loose \$137.00, Children env. \$8.25, Children loose \$13.00. *Mass attendance:* 124

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING: Leon

Boser, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Diane Schirmers, Mark, Becker, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Jane Weiss, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Sally Lentner, Lois Woitalla, Rhys Boser, Carmen Britz, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Serena Truskowski, Gina Virnig, Donny Schommer, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch.

ACC Faith Study Groups

*Bible study is being offered every other Sunday evening for the young female youth (9th grade and older) of our ACC. This is held in the St Joseph Church basement at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please call Jenny (320-360-6650), Kari (320-412-6164), or Rebecca (320-360-7004).

*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.

*The Sunday Night Adult Education Group meets on Sunday night at 7PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. We watch a short video on a variety of Catholic topics followed by a discussion. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 26 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson E. Ministers: Donna Solinger & Connie Kieffer Servers: Abbie Posch & Quinn Gruber

Ushers for June: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka

<u>ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY:</u> To purchase St. Michael's Cemetery plots or columbarium niches please contact the parish office in Pierz (320)468-6033.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

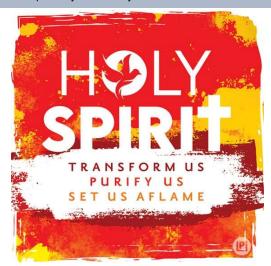
ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 12)

Adult	\$ 6	5,185.00
High School	\$	7.00
Elementary	\$	16.00
Plate	\$	217.00
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Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **May 12th** Sunday: 345

WHY GO TO CHURCH

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" —*Author Unknown*.



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SUNDAY, MAY 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Al Pekarek <u>E. Ministers:</u> Keith Marshik, Jo Loidolt & Tarynn Dorn <u>Servers:</u> Brady Pohlkamp & Tyson Boser <u>Sacristans:</u> Mary Kimman

MONDAY, MAY 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Veterans E. Ministers: Volunteers Needed Servers: Marshik children

<u>Ushers for June:</u> Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll, Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner



New Life in Christ

Vanessa Mae, daughter of Mathew & Grace Stumpf, was baptized on May 12th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

THANK YOU: Thank you to Denny & Cathy Rothstein for their generous donation towards the new trees planted in St. Joseph's cemetery!

LOST & FOUND: There is a lost and found box located in the west entrance of the church.

<u>GRAND RAFFLE:</u> St. Joseph's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop off the donation or contact the parish office at 468-6033. All donations **must be received by Monday, May 20th.** *Thank You!*

PARISH FESTIVAL: We are now accepting donations of new items for the Country Store as well as cash donations for Country Store and Kids Games. You can bring donations to the parish office, place cash donations in dropbox or mail to PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364. Any questions call Michele Herold at 468-2461 or the parish office at 468-6033. Thank you!

<u>REMINDER</u>: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member.

<u>PRAYER LINE:</u> If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 12th)

Adult	\$ 6,877.10
High School	\$ 14.75
Elementary	\$ 18.00
Plate	\$ 248.60
	\$ 7,158.45

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance May 12th Sunday: 350

LOOKING AHEAD:

*Memorial Day Mass, Monday May 27th at 10:00 a.m. The American Legion will be at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz this year for its annual Memorial Day Mass. *The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

ACC TOWN HALL MEETING: Please mark your calendars for a Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Community (ACC) Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's in Buckman. This meeting will include prayer, a presentation from staff and parishioners on different aspects of parish life, events, news, and a vision for the ACC. It will include an update on the St. Cloud Diocese parish planning process, and there will be time to ask questions and give input. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

MASS AT THE GRASSHOPPER CHAPEL MAY 30th: There will be Mass at the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring on Thursday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m. This is one of the special Masses for the Novena of Masses each year. Fr. Aaron will preside at the Mass. If anyone is interested in carpooling, you can contact the parish office at 468-6033.

PAPER SHREDDING: There will be a paper shredding truck sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank in Pierz, located near the brick bus garage in the south parking lot of St. Joseph's Church on Monday, May 20th from 2-5 p.m. for anyone that needs any papers shredded.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: May 22-24, the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage will be coming through the diocese on its way to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. There will be a number of events daily ranging from eucharistic processions to speakers, praise & worship, confession, Mass and the list goes on! Here is the website to see our events, as well as the events of the whole route. Visit: https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharisticrevival-pilgrimage/

First Holy Communion Student Opportunity:

There is one specific opportunity for our First Communion students. On Thursday, May 23, St. Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a Eucharistic procession around the downtown area followed by a family adoration hour (5-6 p.m.) and meal (6-7 p.m.). We would like our First Holy Communion students to have a special place in this Eucharistic procession. Students are highly encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits for the big day! If you have students that are interested, a group will be meeting at 4:15 p.m. on May 23 on the steps of the Cathedral (Hannah Shefveland will be there to direct), and the procession will start at 4:30pm. Sign-up at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849ABA72AA6FA7-48534766-eucharistic#/

**Any Questions call Mark Hoheisel at 468-2640.

Another opportunity for the May 23 Eucharistic Procession:

There will be a bus leaving Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids at 7 a.m., arrive in Little Falls at 8 a.m. After the Mass, they will follow the procession to Long Prairie, then Sauk Centre and back to Sauk Rapids. Cost is \$25. Call Sue Poser 320-237-7186.

JOB POSTING: PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Community has a full-time salaried position open to assist the pastor in serving the pastoral needs of the four communities. Qualifications for this position are as follows: A love for Christ and his Church, a solid prayer life, skills in personal communication and evangelization, a hunger to bring others to Christ, organized, an ability to collaborate and be flexible to serve the mission of the Church.

Job Duties Include:

-Meeting with families and planning funeral liturgies.

- -Coordinating and teaching OCIA or those searching in their faith life. -Overseeing Homebound ministry.
- -Coordinating the Marriage preparation program.

-Collaboration with the pastor and staff on daily operation, evangelism and general planning for the parishes.

Interested individuals may submit a letter of interest and resume to the parish office. For any questions regarding the position please contact the office or Father Aaron by phone (320) 468-6033 or email (frnett@midco.net).

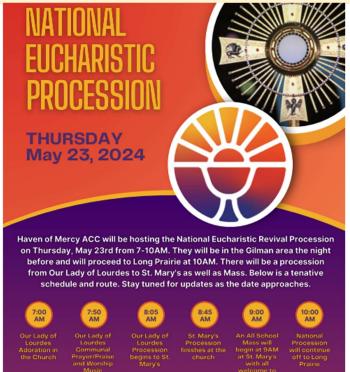
Thursday, May 23rd National Eucharist Procession:

National Eucharistic Procession coming to Little Falls! A bus will leave St. Joseph's Church parking lot 6:45am & return 10:30am, Senior Center donuts for the bus ride :) drive to OLOL Church in LF, rosary on bus ride: adoration 7:00am-8:00am at OLOL, 8:00-8:45am Eucharistic Procession (walking from OLOL Church to St. Mary's Church through town (1 mile walk) 9:00am-10:00am Mass @ St. Mary's. Back to Pierz by 10:30am! Let's fill a bus! Adults if you want to ride the bus contact Hilde Flicker at 468-2649 & sign up by Tuesday, May 21st. High School Students will sign up in Religion class.

Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:

A plenary indulgence will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024. It will also be granted to the elderly, infirm, and all those who cannot leave their homes for a serious reason and who participate in spirit with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, uniting their prayers, pains, or inconveniences with Christ and the pilgrimage. This indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of

the Holy Father.



Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640 <u>Wednesday, May 22nd</u> JH/SH Party @ the Pierz Park 5-7 p.m. <u>Wednesday, May 29th</u> Seniors Night 6-8 p.m. (Adoration 5-6 p.m. Pierz Church) <u>Friday, May 31st</u> Valleyfair for 7th-12th graders. Buses leave FPSR at 8 a.m. & return 8 p.m.

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*COFFEE- Regular \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.
*6TH GRADE GRADUATION MASS- Thursday, May 23, 7:00pm, St. Joseph Church
*HTCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Holy Trinity is looking for 1 new member for our Board of Directors; this will be a member at large (from any of the four parishes). The three-year term will start in August 2024. Expertise in the areas of finance and/or facility/maintenance preferred. Belief in the mission of Holy Trinity and Catholic education is a must. The volunteer position requires monthly meetings as well as committee assignments/meetings.
*HTCS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Meeting: May 19th, 6pm, at HT for those interested in contributing to our project financially and seeking additional information. RSVP required; call/text Steve Andres (320.630.5303) or Rachel Young (320.630.3630).

***HTCS HIRING- K-READINESS TEACHER** - Full Time. Must be DHS, First Aid & CPR qualified (or able to become by first day of school). **COOK** - FT, 35 hours/week, Aug-May. **CUSTODIAN** - FT, 40 hours/week, year round. Please contact the office for additional information: office@holytrinitypierz.org or (320) 468-6446

Raffle Calendar Winners:

5/12 \$75 Michelle St. Onge Johnson, 5/13 \$35 Brandon Hochstatter, 5/14 \$35 Kalvin Girtz, 5/15 \$35 Karen Froelich, 5/16 \$35 Rose Hoffman, 5/17 \$35 Laura Mayer, 5/18 \$35 Dave Eden

